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11. (U) PolCouns delivered reftel points to Foreign Minister Dora Bakoyannis' Deputy Chief of Staff, Yiannis Tsaussis, urging the Foreign Minister's participation in the BMENA Forum for the Future. Tsaussis later reported that FM Bakoyannis had carefully considered her attendance but had other commitments at that time and would not be able to attend the BMENA Forum. Instead, Greece will be represented by Theodoros Skylakakis, MFA Secretary General for International Economic Affairs and Development Cooperation. EconCouns spoke with SecGen Skylakakis this week about the Forum and asked if there was any further information the Embassy could provide him. Skylakakis indicated he was well briefed on the Forum, and did not need anything. SPECKHARD